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1. No additional new construction for the Sea Police at the Peenewerft Wolgast, is planned at the present time. The repair work on the DORSCH, however, is proceeding rapidly. It is expected in Sea Police circles that former German ships are to be returned from the Soviet Union. This would explain the assembling of new crews at Parow and Kuehlungsborn.
2. All of the 18 Coast Guard Cutters (KS) are now commissioned. KS4 is undergoing repairs, since its stern was rammed by KS5. Repairs are also being made on the KS boat that went aground in the fog at Sassnitz. The mine-sweepers are all ready for service, also the minelayers, FUERSTENBERG and PRENZLAU.
3. The chief of the newly built minesweeper flotilla is Polizeirat Elmenhorst, formerly commander of the R1. The flotilla consists of six boats, each carrying two model 20, 38 caliber guns. Wolgast is the flotilla station.
4. The coast guard cutters are divided into three flotillas. The 1st Flotilla consists of KS 1-6, commanded by Kommissar Gervasi, formerly commander of KS5. The 2nd Flotilla comprises KS7-12, commanded by Oberkommissar Pining, formerly commander of KS6. The 3rd Flotilla consists of KS 13-18; the name of its present commander is not known.
5. From No. 7 on, these boats are of a new type. They are two meters longer than the old ones, flush-decked aft, and have a lower bridge. Their speed is 22 knots, while the older boats have a speed of 17-19.5 knots. The power plant is the same in both types.
6. The coast guard boats patrol along the line Wismar-Warnemuende-Arkona-Ruoy No 4. They go in pairs, an old and a new boat together, or a new boat in

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company with the FUERSTENBERG or the PRENZLAU. This is because the new boats are not all armed and their commanders are too inexperienced. The commanders were trained at Parow. The training school there has about three thousand students at the present time.

7. Warnemuende, Wismar and Sassnitz are bad-weather harbors for the boats. All the boats go into port at a wind force of five.

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